

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging data between a source location and a destination location comprising the steps of:

generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

generating a plugin based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

attaching the plugin to the software envelope;

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location; and

the plugin creating the object from the markup language of the data file,

wherein the step of creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin comprises

parsing the data file into a plurality of data fields according to the predetermined schema of the plugin,

determining a first data field in the plurality as an optional data field based on the plugin, and

determining a second data field in the plurality as a required data field based on the plugin.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via electronic mail.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via HTTP.

9-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging data between a source location and a destination location. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps step of:

generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

generating a plugin based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

determining an operating system associated with the destination location before generating the plugin, wherein the plugin is generated based on said operating system

attaching the plugin to the software envelope;

transmitting the software envelope to the destination location; and

the plugin creating the object from the markup language of the data file.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

30. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via electronic mail.

31. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting the software envelope via HTTP.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.

33. (New) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a computer system, perform a method comprising steps of:

- generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

- generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

- generating a plugin based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

- attaching the plugin to the software envelope;

- transmitting the software envelope to the destination location; and

- the plugin creating the object from the markup language of the data file,

- wherein the step of creating the object from the markup language of the data file with the plugin comprises

- parsing the data file into a plurality of data fields according to the predetermined schema of the plugin,

- determining a first data field in the plurality as an optional data field based on the plugin, and

- determining a second data field in the plurality as a required data field based on the plugin.

34. (New) The computer readable media according to claim 33, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

35. (New) The computer readable media according to claim 33, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

36. (New) The computer readable media according to claim 33, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.

37. (New) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a computer system, perform a method comprising steps of:

- generating a data file formatted in a markup language in accordance with a predetermined schema;

- generating a first software envelope containing the data file;

- generating a plugin based on the predetermined schema, said plugin configured to create an object from the markup language of the data file;

- determining an operating system associated with the destination location before generating the plugin, wherein the plugin is generated based on said operating system;

- attaching the plugin to the software envelope;

- transmitting the software envelope to the destination location; and

- the plugin creating the object from the markup language of the data file.

38. (New) The computer readable media according to claim 37, wherein the markup language comprises extensible markup language (XML).

39. (New) The computer readable media according to claim 37, wherein the markup language comprises standard generalized markup language (SGML).

40. (New) The computer readable media according to claim 37, wherein the software envelope contains the plugin.